

Hymns, Readings, and Collect

Opening Hymn: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow

At the name of Jesus
 every knee shall bow,
 every tongue confess him
 King of glory now;
 'tis the Father's pleasure
 we should call him Lord,
 who from the beginning
 was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
 to receive a name
 from the lips of sinners
 unto whom he came,
 faithfully he bore it
 spotless to the last,
 brought it back victorious,
 when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
 with its human light,
 through all ranks of creatures,
 to the central height,
 to the throne of Godhead,
 to the Father's breast;
 filled it with the glory
 of that perfect rest.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
 shall return again,
 with the Father's glory,
 with his angel train;
 for all wreaths of empire
 meet upon his brow,
 and our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

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The Collect

Merciful God,
 you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:
 pour into our hearts such love toward you
 that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
 may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Colossians 2: 6–15

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are. God is there.

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The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

St Luke 11: 1–13

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Father, hear the prayer we offer

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

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Communion Hymn: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and it shall be opened up to you:
Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God:
Allelu, alleluia.

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Anthem: Hear my prayer

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear,
thyself from my petition do not hide;
take heed to me; hear how in prayer I mourn to thee;
without thee all is dark; I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth—the godless come fast;
iniquity, hatred upon me they cast.
The wicked oppress me—ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
my soul with deathly terror is oppressed.
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove;
in the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)
after Psalm 55: 1–7*

Dismissal: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
all that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

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